

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Schmeichel, Charles M.) Docket No.: A20-012-01-US
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 For: TONNEAU COVER TENSION)
 ADJUSTER APPARATUS)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir/Madam:

Prior to the first examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please enter the following new claims, 15-32.

15. (New) An adjustable assembly for a tonneau cover used to cover a pickup truck cargo box, the cargo box having a plurality of upwardly extending walls, said plurality of upwardly extending walls including left and right side walls, a front wall and a rear end gate wall, said plurality of upwardly extending walls at least partially defining an interior compartment of the cargo box, the adjustable assembly comprising:

left and right side rails connected to said left and right side walls, respectively;

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